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TWO CANADIANS INDICTED FOR ECSTASY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two men from Canada were indicted by a federal grand jury today for with possessing with intent to distribute ecstasy.

Robert Ashley Williams, 22, and **Jeremy Alan Cyopeck**, 23, both of Ontario and both citizens of Canada, were charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield with possessing with intent to distribute ecstasy on Dec. 18, 2005. Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Williams** and **Cyopeck** on Dec. 19, 2005.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the original federal criminal complaint, **Cyopeck** and **Williams** were stopped by a Missouri State Highway Patrol officer while traveling westbound in a 1998 Chevrolet Astrovan on Interstate 44 near the Missouri Route 13 interchange. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of what was later determined to be approximately 50 pounds, or 80,000 ecstasy tablets, in plastic sandwich bags and gallon-size plastic bags. The majority of the tablets were located in a green nylon duffle bag located in the rear of the vehicle, with a smaller amount of the ecstasy tablets wrapped in a jean jacket in the rear of the vehicle. Some of the tablets were pink with a musical note symbol embossed in the center, and others were blue with a dolphin figure embossed in the center.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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